

# **MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE I**

This Proclamation is issued in compliance with State of Montana Fire Regulation Number 9 (Sub-Chapter 1, 36.10.119 Administrative Rules of Montana) promulgated under authority of Section 76-13-109 Montana Code Annotated which restricts certain activities on forest lands (as defined under Section 76-13-102(8) Montana Code Annotated).

The following acts are prohibited on all State lands and private forested lands lying within the within the boundaries of Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, Wheatland and Golden Valley counties. These restrictions become effective as of 0001a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Friday, July 27, 2007 and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a designated site.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

- a. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- c. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- d. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- e. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- f. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

**An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.**

Dated this 24th day of July 2007, at Missoula, Montana.

/S/ Robert A. Harrington  
ROBERT A. HARRINGTON  
STATE FORESTER

Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months or both (76-13-112 Montana Code Annotated).